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April 16, 2015

Hon. Marc B. Levine Member of the Assembly State Capitol, Room 2141 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 539 (Levine), as introduced - Support

Dear Assembly Member Levine:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 539, which authorizes law enforcement to obtain a search warrant to test the blood of a person suspected of operating a marine vessel while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The council supports the bill because it is a necessary follow-up to SB 717 (DeSaulnier, Stats. 2013, ch. 317) and to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Missouri v. McNeeley* that a search warrant is generally required to conduct a blood test of an individual suspected of driving under the influence.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council supports AB 539.

Hon. Marc B. Levine April 16, 2015 Page 2

Sincerely,

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cc: Mr. Cory Salzillo, Legislative Director, California State Sheriffs' Association Ms. June Clark, Deputy Legislative Affairs Secretary, Office of the Governor



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June 2, 2015

Hon. Loni Hancock, Chair Senate Public Safety Committee State Capitol, Room 2082 Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 539 (Levine), as introduced – Support

Hearing:

Senate Public Safety Committee – June 9, 2015

Dear Senator Hancock:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 539, which authorizes law enforcement to obtain a search warrant to test the blood of a person suspected of operating a marine vessel while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The council supports the bill because it is a necessary follow-up to SB 717 (DeSaulnier, Stats. 2013, ch. 317) and to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Missouri v. McNeeley* that a search warrant is generally required to conduct a blood test of an individual suspected of driving under the influence.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 539.

Hon. Loni Hancock June 2, 2015 Page 2

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July 1, 2015

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor of California State Capitol, First Floor Sacramento, California 95814

Subject:

AB 539 (Levine) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown:

The Judicial Council is pleased to support AB 539, which authorizes law enforcement to obtain a search warrant to test the blood of a person suspected of operating a marine vessel while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The council supports the bill because it is a necessary follow-up to SB 717 (DeSaulnier, Stats. 2013, ch. 317) and to the United States Supreme Court's ruling in *Missouri v. McNeeley* that a search warrant is generally required to conduct a blood test of an individual suspected of driving under the influence.

For these reasons, the Judicial Council requests your signature on AB 539.

Hon. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. July 1, 2015 Page 2

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